

# Arkansas

## Crop Production Report



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This report contains the results from the *November Ag Yield and November Objective Yield Surveys*. The November Ag Yield Survey obtained acreage, yield and production data from producers for corn, cotton, rice, sorghum and soybeans. The November Objective Yield Surveys were objective measurements done on the cotton and soybean crops on randomly selected fields. The data are also posted on our web site at the Internet address above, and in a more detailed U.S. report at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/). Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires or interviews for this survey.

### Cotton Production & Sorghum Yield Forecasts Aiming to Set New State Records

**Corn:** Corn for grain production for the state is forecast at 26.1 million bushels, down 13 percent from 2005. Based on conditions as of November 1, yield is expected to average 145 bushels per acre, up 14 bushels from last year. If realized, this would tie the record yield set in 2001. Producers expect to harvest 180,000 acres of corn for grain, down 22 percent from 2005.

**Cotton:** Arkansas all cotton production is forecast at 2.6 million bales, up 18 percent from last year. If realized, this would set a new state record by surpassing 2005's 2.2 million bales, and would make Arkansas number two in the nation in cotton production behind only Texas. Yield is expected to average 1,076 pounds per harvested acre, up 60 pounds from a year ago. This yield would be the second highest on record behind 2004's 1,114 pounds per acre. Producers expect to harvest 1.16 million acres of cotton, up 12 percent from 2005.

**Rice:** The 2006 total rice production for the state is forecast at 95.5 million hundredweight (cwt), down 12 percent from last year's production of 108.8 million cwt. Based on conditions as of November 1, the all rice yield for 2006 is forecast at 6,820 pounds per acre, up 170 pounds from last year's yield. If realized, this would be the second highest yield on record behind the 2005 crop. Arkansas producers expect to harvest 1.40 million acres of rice, down 14 percent from 2005.

**Sorghum:** Sorghum production in 2006 for Arkansas is forecast at 5.19 million bushels, up 5 percent from 2005. Based on the November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 88 bushels per acres, up 8 bushels per acre from the previous year. If realized, this would set a new state record for yield just ahead of the 86 bushels per acre set in 2001. Area for harvest, at 59,000 acres, is down 5 percent from 2005.

**Soybeans:** Soybean production in 2006 for Arkansas is forecast at 110 million bushels, up 8 percent from a year ago. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 36 bushels per acre, 2 bushels more per acre than last year. Area for harvest, at 3.06 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2005.

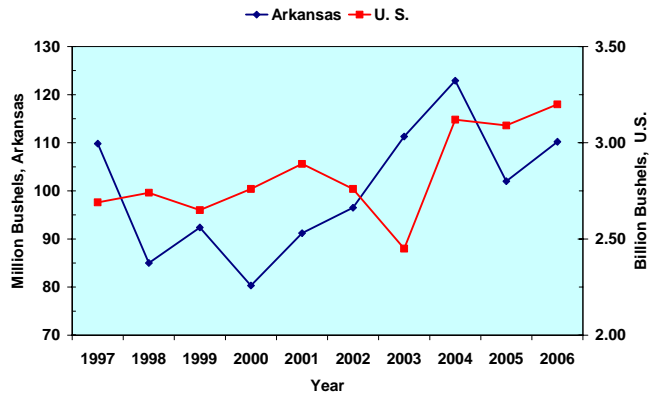
### Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2005 and 2006, November 1 Forecast

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	230	180	131	145	30,130	26,100
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	1,040	1,160	1,016	1,076	2,202	2,600
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	1,635	1,400	6,650	6,820	108,792	95,480
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	62	59	80	88	4,960	5,192
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,000	3,060	34	36	102,000	110,160
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	75,107	71,047	147.9	151.2	11,112,07	10,744,80
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	13,803	12,816	831	798	23,890.2	21,299.0
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	3,364	2,823	6,636	6,847	223,235	193,292
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	5,736	5,319	68.7	54.2	393,893	288,470
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	71,251	74,505	43.0	43.0	3,063,237	3,203,908

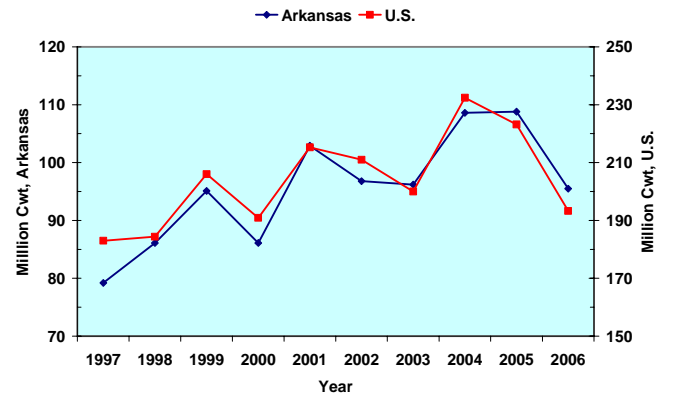
<sup>1</sup> Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

<sup>2</sup> Rice yield in pounds, production in hundredweight (cwt).

Soybean Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1997-2006



Rice Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1997-2006



Upland Cotton Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1997-2006

